



Government Relations Committee Report to the 2019 KEA Delegate Assembly

The KEA Government Relations Committee is a standing committee authorized by the KEA Constitution Article IV Section 1 B-6.2, and is empowered to conduct the following business on behalf of the membership:

- recommend the Legislative Program to the Delegate Assembly
- influence and support the accomplishment of the Legislative program goals and related issues;
- facilitate Legislative Contact Team activity;
- help facilitate activities in the Legislative Support goal area;
- exert continued energy toward the pursuit of and continuation of negotiations with local boards of education; and
- support crisis activity

Since the 2018 Delegate Assembly, the Government Relations Committee has met twice in person and has continued to work to ensure that KEA's Legislative Program reflects the mission, vision, and values of KEA for our membership, public education advocates in our communities, and the Kentucky General Assembly. The membership of KEA has charged the committee with creating and recommending a legislative program that reflects the realities of the current state of public education as well as reflecting the vision for the future of our life's calling.

Through careful consideration, research, conversations with members, and interactions with the KEA Lobby Team, we believe the legislative program embodies the wishes of the membership to promote, protect, and defend public education and the education profession across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

On behalf of, and in collaboration with the membership of KEA, The Government Relations Committee continues to engage on the goals of the KEA Legislative Program and to facilitate members' involvement in legislative advocacy around issues contained within the legislative program and other issues of importance to education employees, as well as the students and communities we serve.

In the past year, the committee has worked to promote Day of Learning activities at the Capitol and to empower all members to better understand the legislative process and our opportunities to influence policy through member-to-member interactions and legislative advocacy. The committee continues to be a resource to help facilitate more frequent and meaningful at home lobbying activities with legislators, state-wide officials, and other local and regional decision makers across the state.

Respectfully Submitted,

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